

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1 of the specification, between the title "CELLULOSE ESTER FILM, PRODUCTION METHOD OF THE SAME, FILM EMPLOYED IN LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY MEMBER, AND POLARIZING PLATE" and the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION," please add the following new heading and new paragraph:

CROSS-RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/492,404 filed January 27, 2000 of Noriki TACHIBANA, Kunio SHIMIZU, Masahito TAKADA, Isamu MICHIHATA, and Koichi NAGAYASU for CELLULOSE ESTER FILM, PRODUCTION METHOD OF THE SAME, FILM EMPLOYED IN LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY MEMBER, AND POLARIZING PLATE, now pending, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) to Japanese Application Nos. 017976/1999 and 190295/1999, filed on January 27, 1999 and July 5, 1999, respectively, in Japan.